



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 3661
RING, MICHAEL E.)	Examiner: B. BROADHEAD
Serial No.: 09/399,412)	Attorney Docket: CRD 99304
Filed: September 20, 1999)	Date: August 7, 2002

For: A METHOD OF AND AN APPARATUS FOR ENHANCING THE BRAKING
EFFICIENCY OF A RAILWAY FREIGHT TRAIN CONSIST

HON. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

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AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges that a Final Office Action dated
May 07, 2002, pertaining to the above referenced matter has been
received.

In the Office Action, the Examiner maintains the following
rejections: Claims 1-3, 5-8, 11 and 16-17 under 35 USC 103(a) as
being obvious over Cook et al (5,605,387) in view of Fourie
(4,671,576); Claims 9-10 and 12-15 under 35 USC 103(a) as being
obvious over Cook et al in view of Fourie (4,671,576) and Kull
(5,681,015); Claim 18 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unobvious over
Cook et al in view of Fourie (4,671,576) and Matsuoka (5,544,057);
and Claims 19-20 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unobvious over Cook
et al in view of Fourie (4,671,576) and Roselli et al (5,718,487).

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